GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.973, K.Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s.Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhaptnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for the hatchery – Final (stage-II) approval accorded.

ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.18

Dated.21.04.2022

Read the following: -

1)From the PCCF&HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15027/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dt.20.06.2020 and even no.dt.09.10.2020.

2)State Govt.Lr.No.997/Sec.II/2020, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.22.07.2021.

3)From GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB130/2021-Vij/58, dt.18.08.2021.

4)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15027/20/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.09.01.2022.

5)State Govt.Lr.No.997/Sec.II/2020/(1189657), EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.28.01.2022.

6) From GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB130/2021-Vij/56, dt.07.02.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.973, K.Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s.Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhaptnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for the hatchery and requested to forward to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Chennai for their approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein. Accordingly, in the letter 5th read above, State Government furnished compliance report on the Stage-I conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, and requested to accord Final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.973, K.Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s.Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhaptnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for the hatchery, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

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5. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.973, K.Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s.Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhaptnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for the hatchery, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii. Ten times the number of trees to be felled under the project shall be planted by the State Forest Department in the Compartment No.634, Vempadu RF, near D.L.Puram (V), Yellamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam to plant 400 no. of NTSH seedlings towards Compensatory Afforestation from the amount already been realized from the User Agency. Details like CA Scheme, map with DGPS co-ordinates etc. of identified degraded forest area for compensatory afforestation may be submitted to IRO, Vijayawada for record and monitoring purpose;

iii. Appropriate mitigation measures as proposed and in the identified 0.57 hectares of forest land, the State Forest Department may carry out plantation and its maintenance of 400 Number of Casuarina seedlings as proposed to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc., in the Shelter Belt forest area at Compartment No.973 of K.Polavaram Forest Block at the project cost;

iv. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

v. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;

vi. The State Forest Department shall ensure that all approvals including CRZ clearance, required if any before handing over of the forest land;

vii. Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;

viii. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees at the cost of the user agency;

ix. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

xi. Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xii. The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.11 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xiii. User Agency and the State Forest Department shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

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xiv. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;

xv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules / guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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// FORWARDEDss:: BY ORDER //

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SECTION OFFICER